

Confirmation – Jesus is Lord

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'Growing God's Kingdom'

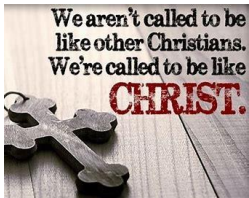


Sunday worship and weekly news  
18 October 2020

Welcome everyone

We welcome

Bishop Robert to lead our Confirmation Service



As we come to the service today, do we expect to be watching the Bishop confirm our sisters in Christ, and give them a commission, or are we looking to receive a renewed confirmation of our own

calling? Jesus told his disciples that the harvest was plentiful, but the labourers few and sent them out to join the labourers. Two thousand years later, are we ready to hear him say the same words to us?

We come to worship, and at the end of the service the bishop will say, "Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord." May we each of us say the reply with confidence, "In the name of Christ, Amen."

Susan

To keep us all safe, we will keep doors open for ventilation.

Please

Use hand sanitiser  
Stay 2 metres apart  
Avoid touching  
Sing with your heart – not your voice

*The Church of England "strongly advises that face coverings should be worn by all those attending worship remembering that they are mainly intended to protect other people, not the wearer, from coronavirus COVID 19 and that they are not a replacement for physical distancing and regular hand washing."*

Next week we welcome the  
Revd Canon Andrew Braddock

Processional Hymn

*Lift high the cross,*

*The love of Christ proclaim*

*Till all the world adore his sacred name.*



Come, let us follow where our Captain trod,  
Our King victorious, Christ the Son of God.

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
As thou hast promised, draw us unto thee.

Let every race and every language tell  
Of him who saves our souls from death and hell.

Prayer for Today

Faithful Lord,

whose steadfast love never ceases  
and whose mercies never come to an end:  
grant us the grace to trust you  
and to receive the gifts of your love,  
new every morning,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

2 Timothy 4:5-17

<sup>5</sup> As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully. <sup>6</sup> As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come.

<sup>7</sup> I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. <sup>8</sup> From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.



Personal Instructions

<sup>9</sup> Do your best to come to me soon, <sup>10</sup> for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. <sup>11</sup> Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry <sup>12</sup> I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. <sup>13</sup> When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. <sup>14</sup> Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will pay him back for his deeds. <sup>15</sup> You also must beware of him, for he strongly opposed our message. <sup>16</sup> At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them!

<sup>17</sup> But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth.

### **Prayer**

*Heavenly Father, help me to preach the word of truth, with all long-suffering and doctrine. Enable me to exhort and encourage my brothers and sisters in Christ, with the same godly passion for the good news of the gospel of Christ that was demonstrated in the life of the apostle Paul. And I pray that in due time I may also say, I have finished the work that You have given me to do - I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith, to Your praise and glory, this I ask in Jesus name, Amen.*

### **Psalms 147 Praise for God's Care for Jerusalem**

<sup>1</sup> Alleluia. How good it is to make music for our God, **how joyful to honour him with praise.**

<sup>2</sup> The Lord builds up Jerusalem **and gathers together the outcasts of Israel.**

<sup>3</sup> He heals the broken hearted **and binds up all their wounds.**

<sup>4</sup> He counts the number of the stars **and calls them all by their names.**

<sup>5</sup> Great is our Lord and mighty in power; **his wisdom is beyond all telling.**

<sup>6</sup> The Lord lifts up the poor, **but casts down the wicked to the ground.**

<sup>7</sup> Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; **make music to our God upon the lyre;**

### **Prayer**

*Compassionate God, as you know each star you have created, so you know the secrets of every heart; in your loving mercy bring to your table all who are fearful and broken, all who are wounded and needy, that our hungers may be satisfied in the city of your peace; through Christ who is our peace. Amen*

### **Luke 10:1-9 -The Mission of the Seventy**

<sup>1</sup> After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. <sup>2</sup> He said to them,



'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. <sup>3</sup> Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. <sup>4</sup>

Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. <sup>5</sup> Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" <sup>6</sup> And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you.

<sup>7</sup> Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. <sup>8</sup> Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; <sup>9</sup> cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you."

### **Prayer**

*Heavenly Father, thank You that through the witness of Your Word and the faithful service of other Christians I heard the good news of the gospel and have come to faith in Christ - Who alone has the words of eternal life. I pray that You would use me in the place where You have put me so that others may hear the good news of the gospel of grace and be saved by Your goodness and grace - in Jesus name I pray, Amen.*

### **Reflection from Pete Best**

The Confirmation Service today, led by Bishop Robert, is important, not only for the three ladies who are being Confirmed, but it is also important for the whole body of Christ. Confirmation marks a decision to live a responsible and committed Christian life.

Both the New Testament and Gospel readings today 'Confirm' the commitment of the early church to the spreading of the 'Good News' of Jesus Christ.

Initially Jesus commissioned and sent out His twelve disciples, giving them power to cast out unclean spirits and heal all manner of sickness and disease. Now however Jesus is aware of the need to escalate His ministry. What He said to the seventy, He says to us all, "Pray to the Lord of the harvest that He would send labourers into His harvest".

That is a challenge to us all. It may seem daunting to share your testimony with a family member, a friend or a complete stranger, but throughout His ministry Jesus continually gave confirmation of who His Father was.

Jesus gave 'Confirmation' to His disciples, and to us, of the awesomeness and holiness of His Father by teaching His disciples 'The Lord's prayer'.



He gave 'Confirmation' to the nation of Israel, and to us, that the law of Moses and what they had come to know as the 'Ten Commandments' was fully covered by His command to 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength and mind; and to love your neighbour as yourself'.

Jesus gave 'Confirmation' to everyone who followed Him, as He does to us, by teaching the eight blessings in what we call the 'Beatitudes'. These spell out for us, what it means to live as a child of God's kingdom.

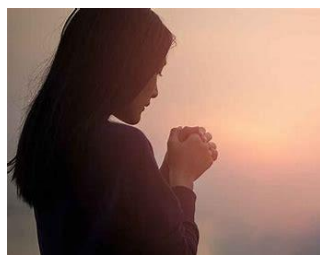
Over time His disciples gave 'Confirmation' of their faith in God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit, in the words of the 'Apostles Creed'; a statement of faith which we embrace each Sunday.

Child of God, don't keep the faith, proclaim it.

**We declare together our commitment to faith:**

**We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.  
We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.  
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us  
with power from on high.  
We believe in one God;  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**Intercessions from Linda Medwell**



Lord we pray for our combined churches here in Tuffley. You want us to be generous people offering our time, our talents and money to your service, guard us Lord from holding back when we should be letting go and honouring you as Lord of all we have. Help us to reach out to our community and become beacons of faith, hope and love, especially at this time of real anxiety uncertainty and fear.

Lord we pray especially today and give thanks for this time of joy, hope and celebration. We pray for Isabelle, Lorraine and Glenice, that they may continue to be strengthened in their relationship with you and that you will support them as they continue on their new and exciting journey with you.

Lord show us our place in this world as channels of your love. Enlighten all those who possess power and money that they may avoid the sin of indifference, that they may care for the weak, the poor and the vulnerable. We hold before you those who are homeless and cold especially as we approach the Winter. Draw near and comfort them in body, mind and spirit and bless those who provide them with shelter, food and fellowship.

Hear our prayer Lord for all who are ill or in need at this time. Give them courage, hope and peace and the

knowledge that you are present in their weakness, pain and suffering. May the skills and knowledge of those who care for the sick be fully used to help and to heal.

Lord embrace all those whose hearts today overflow with grief, unanswered questions and such a sense of loss. Grant them the space to express their tears, hold them close through the coming days and weeks.

Lord help us to share your love and legacy with everyone we encounter this week.

**Offertory Hymn**

**Take my Life and let it be**  
Consecrated, Lord, to thee.  
Take my moments and my days;  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise,

Take my hands and let them move  
At the impulse of thy love.  
Take my feet, and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for thee,



Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
At thy feet its treasure store.  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for thee,

**Preparing to receive Holy Communion**

After the priest says to us all: "the body and blood of Christ keep you in eternal life", we all respond  
**Amen**

A steward will guide you forward.  
We each receive a wafer, the priest alone receives the wine on behalf of us all.  
We receive communion with arms outstretched, and in silence.  
Please maintain a 2 metre distance at all times.

**Final Hymn**

**O Jesus, I have promised**  
To serve thee to the end;  
Be thou for ever near me,  
My Master and my Friend:  
I shall not fear the battle  
If thou art by my side,  
Nor wander from the pathway  
If thou wilt be my guide.

O let me hear thee speaking  
In accents clear and still,  
Above the storms of passion,  
The murmurs of self-will;  
O speak to reassure me,  
To hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen,  
Thou guardian of my soul.

O let me see thy foot-marks,  
 And in them plant mine own;  
 My hope to follow duly  
 Is in thy strength alone:  
 O guide me, call me, draw me,  
 Uphold me to the end;  
 And then in heaven receive me,  
 My Saviour and my Friend.

Please leave the building immediately after the priest,  
 In view of the **Rule of 6** please do not linger outside

**WHAT TO DO for THIS WEEK:**

❖ Keep bringing items for the **Foodbank; new collection point is the Church Centre hallway. Toiletries now accepted at the foodbank.**  
 Thank you!

**Know someone who:**

- ❖ is stuck at home without support?
- ❖ can't make ends meet?
- ❖ Just wants to talk?

Then **Contact Gloucestershire Community Help Hub on 01452 583519**

**Keep picking up the phone!**

People are finding phone calls with friends invaluable to combat loneliness. Thank you everyone; please keep up the good work!



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The Administration office is open on Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9.00am until midday until further notice. Please contact the Church Administrator by email or leave a message on the office telephone and our Administrator will get back to you.

We are part of the **Church in Tuffley**, working in partnership with English Martyrs (Roman Catholic), Grange (Baptist) and St Barnabas (Anglican).



THE CHURCH IN TUFFLEY

**This week's News**

**In Memoriam:**

Ian Baker

**We pray for all who are ill or in need at this time mentioning by name:**

Margaret, Angela, Susan, Mike and Laura, Lynne, Sarah, Baby Obi, Pat, Sarah M, Christine, Darren and family, Ann and Steve, Daphne, Sylvia

**Anniversaries of death:**

Norman Ramstedt, Carol Close, William Stevens, Susan Woolway, Gillian Darnell, Stella Walker, Joyce Cooper, Robin Baker, Wallace Hutchins, Trevor Butler, Nicholas Little, Gill Mills, Keith David, Jeanne Bradford, Violet Collis, Joyce Hall, Lily Jones.

**Birthdays and Anniversaries:**

Brenda Meadows celebrates a special birthday on 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Confirmation candidates:**

Lorraine Best, Glenice Boots & Isabelle Leaverland

**DIARY DATES 18 October – 25 October**

Sun 18	10.30am	St G	Confirmation Service with Bishop Robert incorporating Parish Communion <b>Crucifer:</b> Sylvia C <b>Readers:</b> Derek & Helen <b>Intercessions:</b> Linda M
	5.00pm	St M	Evensong
Mon 19	1.00pm	MH	Bluebird Care
Tue 20	4.00pm	Z	Standing Committee
	7.00pm	MH	Karate
Wed 21	8.15am	Z	Morning Prayer
	3.30pm	MH	Slimming World also at 5.30pm & 7.30pm
	7.30pm	Z	Refresh
Thu 22	10.30am	St M	Parish Communion
Sat 24	11.00am	MH	Karate
Sun 25			White Box Day Summertime has ended
	9.00am	St M	Parish Communion
	10.30am	St G	Parish Communion <b>Crucifer:</b> Jayne <b>Readers:</b> David & Sylvia E <b>Intercessions:</b> Susan

**St G = St George's, MH = Main Hall, St M = St Margaret's, Z = Zoom**

**Refresh**

Join with us and the other churches in Tuffley as St George's hosts the meeting via Zoom  
 Diary the date.... **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> Oct at 7.30pm**  
 Contact Helen for a link to the event.

### **Pictures for the Parish Profile & WEB site**

Pictures are a very important part of the profile, and it's just possible that you may be in a group photo! If you are unhappy about a picture of you appearing in the profile or the website, please tell us. A word with any of the wardens is all that is required.

### **The Autumn leaves drift by the window....**

The temperature is getting noticeably cooler. The guidance given us states we 'keep the doors open' while the church is occupied. To help ensure you don't get cold may we suggest one or more of the following:

- 1) **Wear extra layers of warm clothing.**
- 2) **Bring a blanket to wrap around yourself.**
- 3) **Fill a hot water bottle and bring it to Church.**

### **Parish Profile – Phase 2**

The team are looking at your responses relating to the Parish Profile.

Phase 2 will happen on the **25<sup>th</sup> October**.

Everyone who comes to church will, on the above date, be given a sheet of paper which shows the most frequent responses to the original survey.

You'll be asked to 'tick' two statements you most agree and cross one statement you most disagree with; then drop the form back in the profile box before you leave church. It's your chance to have a final say in what goes into the Parish Profile.

### **Carols by Candlelight at St Margaret's...**

We are hoping to be able to stage Carols by Candlelight this year. However, before we start planning we need to know if you are interested to attend. The thought is we stage the event on up to 4 evenings during Advent.

We will have to conform to Covid regulations so:

We believe we shall be able to accommodate 25-30 people each evening.

You would need to book, telling us how many people in your party and give your preferred date plus 2 alternatives in case your preferred date is fully booked. On the evening you attend you would be shown to your allocated pew.

The service would last about 25 minutes.

Sadly, there will be no singing from the congregation.

But, on the positive side:

**The church will be atmospherically lit by dozens of candles. The church will be heated.**

We need to know as soon as possible if you are happy to come. Before you leave church let a Warden know you are interested.